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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment


1. The reply filed on 11 February 2003, paper no. 10, is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The applicant has not set forth any traversal for the rejections of independent claims 32 and 34 and dependent claims 2-17, 19-31, 33, and 35. Claims 2, 8-12, 15, 17, 24, and 25 were rejected based on U.S. Patent 3,835,697 to Schneider *et al.*, U.S. Patent 2,786,352 to Sobota, and U.S. Patent 3,613,45 to Dent *et al.* Claim 3 was rejected based on U.S. Patent 5,795,989 to Simmons *et al.* Claim 7 was rejected based on U.S. Patent 2,590,839 to Clapham. Claims 13, 16, 23, and 29 were rejected to U.S. Patent 3,151,483 to Plummer. Claims 14 and 28 were rejected based on U.S. Patent 3,818,751 to Karper *et al.* Claims 19, 20, 26, 27, 30, and 31 were rejected based on U.S. Patent 3,618,372 to Beckstrom. Claims 21 and 22 were rejected based on U.S. Patent 4,567,774 to Manahan *et al.* Claims 32-35 were rejected based on Beckstrom, Karper, Manahan, Plummer, Sobota, and Dent. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David A. Rogers whose telephone number is (703) 305-4451. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (0730 - 1600).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hezron E. Williams can be reached on (703) 305-4705. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-3431.


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